(b) if so, the members of the Committee and the criterion for the representation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Details regarding the member of the society and criterion for the representation

The Committee for National Youth Programme consists of 49 members and is Chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Minister-in-charge of Human Resource Development is Deputy Chairman, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports is the Vice-Chairman. It has representations from the following:—

(i) State Ministers of Youth (One each from 5 regions)

(ii) Member of Parliament (below 35 years) from 5 Regions

(iii) Youth Leaders (below 35 years) from recognised National Level Political Parties (9 Nos.)

(iv) One Youth Leader each (below 35 years) from those National Political Parties representing minorities|States of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir (3 members)

(v) Representations of Voluntary Organisations of outstanding merit (one from each Region—5 Nos.)

(vi) Members representing Scheduled Castes (5 Nos.)

(vii) Members representing Scheduled Tribes (3 Nos.)

(viii) Members representing minorities (4 Nos.)

(ix) Outstanding Sportspersons (2 Nos.)

(x) National Youth Awardees (3 Nos.)

(xi) National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides

(xii) Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association

(xiii) National Chairman, Youth Hostel Association of India

(xiv) Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports—Ex Officio

(xv) Joint Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports—Member Secretary, Ex-Officio.

Spurious Fertilizers

*177. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spurious fertilisers are flooding in the markets in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the prices of fertilisers have also risen steeply in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the prices and quality of fertilisers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However sporadic cases have been reported from a few States.

The quality of fertilisers is regulated under the provisions of the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985 which empowers the State Governments to take action on complaints regarding manufacture|import and sale of spurious, non-standard and adulterated fertilisers.

The prices of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilisers have gone up since their decontrol in August, 1992. The Government is implementing a scheme to make these fertilisers available to farmers at concessional rates.

Setting up of Ammonia and Urea Plant by KRIBHCO

*178. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Krishak Bharti Cooperative Company Limited (KRIBHCO) had proposed to set up a gas-based 900 TPD

Ammonia and 1500 TPD Urea plant at Ramchandranagar near Agartala in Tripura;

(b) whether the above proposal was considered and recommended by the Department of Fertilizers in June, 1992; if so, what is the status of the proposal at present;

(c) what was the envisaged period of completion of the project from the zero date and what action is being taken up by Government to expedite the clearance of the project, in view of the lack of Urea production facilities in the country; and

(d) whether there is also a pending proposal by M|s. Oswal Agro Group for a gas-based 2 x 600 TPD Ammonia, 2 x 1043 TPD Urea and 300 TPD Methanol Plant in Tripura; if so, what are the constraints in clearing the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) KRIBHCO had submitted a proposal for setting up a gas-based 900 TPD ammonia and 1550 TPD urea plant at Ramchandranagar near Agartala in Tripura in June, 1992. The Department of Fertilizers had recommended this proposal to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for allocation of 1.3 MMSCMD of gas on 31-8-1992. No tangible progress in the implementation of the project could be made due to the following reasons:—

(i) Non-availability of ground water at the project site offered by the State Government.

(ii) Unsuitable|difficult terrain at the proposed site.

(iii) Need to make investment for strengthening of the road network necessary for transportation of equipments for settingup the plant.

(iv) Non-allocation of gas.

(d) M|s. Oswal Engineering and Projects owned by M|s. Oswal Agro Mills Ltd. had informed the Department in February 1993 that they intended to set up gas-based 2x600 tpd ammonia and 2 x 1043 tpd trea plants alongwith a 300tpd methanol plant in Tripura by importing a second hand plant lying idle in a foreign country. The company did not pursue the matter further.

Infrastructure industry status to housing

*179. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to accord infrastructure industry status to Housing and Housing finance; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken or is contemplated.

Prices of basic and life saving drugs

*180. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of basic and life saving drugs would shoot up by as much as about 400 to 1,000 per cent in the country due to the stipulations of the GATT Agreement which has come into force since January this year as reportedly pointed out by the newly appointed President of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) at this first Press Conference on 17th February, 1995 in New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the opportunities created for future research and development too would be "nullified' as it would not be possible to develop "a new, innovative and economical process due to product patenting which would become compulsory if the Dunkel proposals are accepted" as per new-item published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 18th February, 1995; and

(c) if so in what manner Government propose to fill up this existing health vaccum in the country on account of price hike of drugs and other factors?